

# State Department Aide Makes Pledge to Truth

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The State Department's new top information officer assured the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday he will always strive to tell the truth in that capacity.

The Committee subsequently approved unaniously the nomination of Dixon Donnelley to be Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs.

Chairman J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.) asked Donnelley:

"A few years ago, Arthur Sylvester, as Assistant Secretary of Defense, asserted 'the Government's right, if necessary, to lie to save itself when it's going up into a nuclear war.' What are your views of the Government's right to lie?"

Donnelley said he couldn't recall such a statement by Sylvester, but added that lying "is something I would try to avoid."

Donnelley, 50, has been serv-

ing as an assistant to the Secretary of State in the field of public affairs.